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Application No.: 09/869,398

EXHIBIT A

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Holger BENGs *et al.* Examiner: Francisco Chandler Prats
Serial No.: 09/869,398 Group Art Unit: 1651
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For: α -AMYLASE-RESISTANT STARCH FOR PRODUCING FOODSTUFF
AND MEDICAMENTS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Applicants in the aforementioned matter petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 30, 2003 (Paper No. 7), for three-months from March 30, 2004, to June 30, 2004.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C., office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

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AUTHORIZATION

Please find enclosed a check in the amount of \$950.00 for payment of the extension fee. Applicants believe there is no additional fee due in connection with this filing. However, to the extent required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge

any fees due in connection with this filing to Deposit Account 50-1710 or credit any overpayment to same.

Respectfully submitted,

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